

27 July 2026

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email, received on 9 July 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting further information on reoffending rates following the Military-Style Academy (MSA) pilot programme. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

Regarding my second question, the most recent reoffending information I can see on the linked page is the pilot's six-month review, issued in November 2025.

I am seeking reoffending information that covers the period up until my request on June 3, 2026. Could this please be provided?

In our previous response to you, dated 9 July 2026, we provided all analysis available regarding reoffending of MSA participants up to the date of your request of 3 June 2026.

We have interpreted your correspondence as a new request under the Act for reoffending information available as of 9 July 2026.

Further analysis is currently being reviewed, which we believe may be in scope of your request. However, this information is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

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I trust you find this information useful. If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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Dean Winter
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